

AMENDMENT

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of managing a plurality of messages stored in a plurality of individual messaging accounts comprising the steps of:

a. accepting a user access request at a message access port to access selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging accounts, wherein the plurality of individual messaging accounts are determined based on information associated with the user; and

cf accessing at least one of a password and a user ID corresponding to the plurality of individual messaging accounts;

matching the at least one of the password and user ID with the corresponding selected individual messaging accounts;

obtaining access to each of the selected individual messaging accounts by providing each of the selected individual messaging accounts with the corresponding at least one of the password and user ID; and

b. transmitting a set of message access requests to a corresponding set of the individual messaging accounts.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

c. accepting a set of replies from the selected individual messaging accounts, wherein the set of replies comprises a report of messages pending on each of the selected individual messaging accounts;

d. creating a consolidated message list, including at least the messages pending in each of the selected individual messaging accounts; and

e. transmitting the consolidated message list as an output.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

f. accepting a message process request to perform predetermined functions on the messages presented in the consolidated message list;

g. associating the message process request to the corresponding message presented in the consolidated message list; and

h. transmitting the message process request to the corresponding set of individual messaging accounts.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein the message access port comprises a networked proxy server.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 3 wherein the individual messaging accounts have reassignable network addresses.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein the POP3 standard is utilized in at least one step.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein the consolidated message list comprises a list of e-mail messages.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 7 further comprising performing predetermined service functions at the message access port.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A system for managing a plurality of messages stored in a plurality of individual messaging accounts, the system comprising:

a message port adapted to accept a user access request, wherein the user access request enables access to selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging

accounts and wherein the plurality of individual messaging accounts are determined based on information associated with the user; and

a server adapted to reference a database, wherein the database stores at least one of a password and a user ID corresponding to the plurality of individual messaging accounts; and wherein the server matches the at least one of the password and user ID with the corresponding selected individual messaging accounts provided in the user access request, and wherein the server is to access each of the selected individual messaging accounts by providing each of the selected individual messaging accounts with the associated at least one of the password and user ID; and

a processor unit in communication with the message port, wherein the processor unit accesses messages stored in selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging accounts by communicating with the plurality of individual messaging accounts.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9 wherein the processor unit communicates a message access request to each of the individual messaging accounts and generates a report of messages that are pending on each of the selected individual messaging accounts.

11. **(Original)** The system of claim 9 wherein the messages comprise electronic mail.

12. **(Original)** The system of claim 9 wherein the message port comprises a networked proxy server.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9 wherein the processor unit accepts input from the individual messaging accounts and creates a consolidated message list that includes at least the messages pending on each of the plurality of individual messaging accounts.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 13 wherein the processor unit accepts message process requests that perform predetermined functions on the messages presented in the pending message list.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 14 wherein the message process requests comprise at least one of selecting messages, deleting messages and reading messages.

C. 16. **(Original)** The system of claim 9 wherein the POP3 standard is utilized in at least one communication.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, further comprising an administrative module in communication with the message access port, wherein the administrative module is adapted to perform predetermined service functions.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A system for managing a plurality of messages stored in a plurality of individual messaging accounts, the system comprising:

message port means for accepting a user access request as an input to enable access to selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging accounts, wherein the plurality of individual messaging accounts are determined based on information associated with the user;

referencing means for referencing a database, wherein the database stores at least one of a password and a user ID corresponding to the plurality of individual messaging accounts;

matching means for matching the at least one of the password and user ID with the corresponding selected individual messaging accounts provided in the user access request;

authorizing means for authorizing access to each of the selected individual messaging accounts by providing each of the selected individual messaging accounts with the corresponding at least one of the password and user ID; and

processing means for communicating with the message port means, wherein the processing means accesses messages stored in selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging accounts by communicating with the plurality of individual messaging accounts.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 18 wherein the processing means communicates a message access request to each of the individual messaging accounts and generates a report of messages that are pending on each of the selected individual messaging accounts.

20. **(Original)** The system of claim 18 wherein the messages comprise electronic email.

21. **(Original)** The system of claim 18 wherein the message port means comprises a networked proxy server.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 18 wherein the processing means accepts input from the individual messaging accounts and creates a consolidated message list that includes at least the messages pending on each of the plurality of individual messaging accounts.

23. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 22 wherein the processing means accepts message process requests that perform predetermined functions on the messages presented in the pending message list.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 23 wherein the message process requests comprise at least one of selecting messages, deleting messages and reading messages.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A storage medium for storing computer readable code, the computer readable code being executable to manage a plurality of messages stored in a plurality of individual messaging accounts according to the steps of:

a- accepting an input of a user access request at a message access port to access selected ones of the plurality of individual messaging accounts, wherein the plurality of individual messaging accounts are determined based on information associated with the user; and-

accessing at least one of a password and a user ID corresponding to the plurality of individual messaging accounts;

matching the at least one of the password and user ID with the corresponding selected individual messaging accounts;

obtaining access to each of the selected individual messaging accounts by providing each of the selected individual messaging accounts with the corresponding at least one of the password and user ID; and

b- transmitting a set of message access requests to a corresponding set of the individual messaging accounts.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 25 further comprising the steps of:

c- accepting a set of replies from the selected individual messaging accounts, wherein the set of replies comprises a report of pending messages;

d- creating a consolidated message list, including at least the messages pending in each of the selected individual messaging accounts; and

e- transmitting the consolidated message list as an output.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 26 further comprising the steps of:

f- accepting a message process request;

g- associating the message process request to the corresponding message presented in the consolidated message list; and

h. transmitting the message process request to the corresponding set of individual messaging accounts.

28. **(New)** A system for enabling a user to manage a plurality of messages stored in two or more individual messaging accounts associated with different service providers, the system comprising:

two or more individual messaging accounts associated with different service providers;

an interface module for determining a user and matching the user to the corresponding two or more individual messaging accounts;

a storage module, wherein the storage module stores at least one of a user ID and password corresponding to the two or more individual messaging accounts for the associated user; and

an authorization module for accessing each of the two or more individual messaging accounts associated with the user, wherein the authorization module references the storage module and matches the at least one of the user ID and password with the corresponding two or more individual messaging accounts associated with the user, and wherein the authorization module provides each of the two or more individual messaging accounts with the corresponding at least one of the user ID and password.